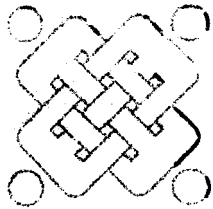


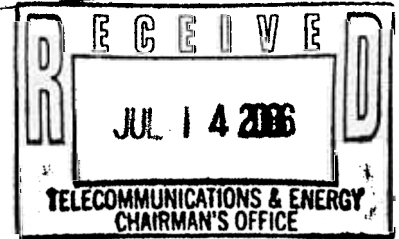
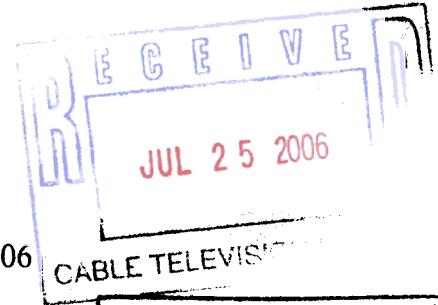
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Judith Judson, Chair
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Re: CTV 06-01

Dear Chairwoman Judson:

I am writing to urge you to support the expanded deployment of broadband technologies in Massachusetts.

Massachusetts is leading the nation in efforts to use information technology to improve the quality, safety, and cost effectiveness of medical care. The Massachusetts Health Data Consortium (MHDC) is an integral part of many of these efforts. Founded in 1978 by the state's major provider, insurer, and regulatory organizations, MHDC is a non-profit organization that creates, promotes, and supports collaborative efforts to improve health and healthcare using health data and health information technology. MHDC is a trusted, neutral organization that serves as a convener, catalyst, and incubator of multi-stakeholder initiatives designed to improve the quality and cost effectiveness of healthcare.

Along with our subsidiary MA-SHARE (Simplifying Healthcare Among Regional Entities), MHDC is the regional health information organization (RHIO) for Massachusetts. MA-SHARE is working with the leading healthcare providers, insurers, and government agencies to allow for the safe and secure exchange of clinical information. This will result in better care for patients, fewer medical errors, and reduced costs.

In my opinion, broadband technologies – including fiber-based networks like the one Verizon is now constructing in Massachusetts – are a critical component of the long term success of e-health efforts such as MA-SHARE. Making high-bandwidth connections available to homes and businesses (including medical facilities of all types and sizes) is a critical enabling technology for our overall healthcare IT agenda. Broadband service enables e-health activities such as electronic medical records, e-prescribing, remote diagnosis, home health care, and other important tele-health applications that can substantially improve the Massachusetts health care delivery system.

While Verizon's proposal in CTV 06-01 is focused on speeding competition in the cable television market in Massachusetts, the underlying technology provides benefits that extend far

beyond television users. You have a unique opportunity to provide consumers with tangible benefits through your approval of this proposal.

I urge you to support the speedy deployment of these networks not only to expand cable competition, but for the other, equally important benefits this technology brings to the citizens of Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ray A. Campbell III". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ray A. Campbell III

Executive Director and Chief Executive Office

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